

Swiss Hold Suspect As Slayer Of Vogeler's 'Best Friend'



SHE WON—Actress Madge Meredith (right) with a friend, Mrs. E. Marvin Goodson, weeps in court in Los Angeles after winning her suit to regain a home she once owned from Nicholas Gianacis, the agent she was convicted of having kidnaped and beaten five years ago.

Ex-Manager a Loser—

Madge Meredith Wins \$22,500 Home in Suit

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23 (UP)—Actress Madge Meredith wept with joy yesterday when a judge awarded her the home she charged her former business manager tricked her into signing over to him.

Superior Judge Thomas J. Cunningham ordered Nicholas Gianacis to turn over to the actress the \$22,500 Hollywood home and to

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Swiss Mum On Identity Of Prisoner

By United Press

BERN, Switzerland, Jan. 23—Swiss federal police announced today they have arrested a man believed connected with the mysterious death two years ago of an American naval attaché assigned to Communist Romania.

The attaché, Capt. Eugene S. Karpe of Delhi, La., fell or was pushed from the famed Orient Express as it sped through a tunnel in Austria Feb. 23, 1950. The captain's mutilated body was found by a track walker.

Swiss federal Police Chief Walter Balsiger said an "alleged Romanian" probably connected with Karpe's death was arrested "a short while ago."

He refused to give further details, even as to whether the man arrested was the same unidentified Romanian seized soon after Capt. Karpe's death and released after questioning.

'Dearest Friend'

Chief Balsiger's surprise announcement was the first indication that Karpe's death still was under investigation and that the inquiry had spread to Switzerland.

Capt. Karpe was a close friend of Robert Vogeler, American businessman who only two days before the attaché's death had been convicted of espionage in Communist Hungary and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Capt. Karpe, 45, had visited Mr. Vogeler's wife and two children in Vienna the night before his death. Mrs. Vogeler called him "one of Bob's dearest friends."

He boarded the Orient Express for a trip to Paris en route home on leave and plunged to his death a few hours later south of Salzburg.

Suspect Murder

No official verdict ever was given in the death, but Austrian Interior Minister Oskar Helmer said at the time Capt. Karpe probably had been murdered.

"No trained criminal investigator can lend much credence to the theory that he died by accident, since it was established that his sleeper-car door opened to the inside," Mr. Helmer said.

"Careful interrogation of the train attendants established that none of the windows of the car was open at the time of the incident."

"Karpe was six feet tall—too tall to fall through a window—and you do not look out of windows when a train is passing through a tunnel."

Mr. Helmer also quoted train attendants as saying Capt. Karpe was "perfectly well" before his disappearance and "had not been drinking alcohol."

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CALL ME MISTER—Judy Wurster clenchs her fist and flexes her muscles to show Myrna Murphy, Barbara Warrick and Nancy Pflueger she has what it takes to be "Mr. Touchdown" in a musical comedy portrayal of IU-Purdue football rivalry. She appears in several numbers of "Pleasant Run Review," Howe High School's all-student variety show. It opens at 8 p. m. tomorrow, will be repeated Friday night. More than 300 students are taking part.



CORNY BUT CUTE—The act is corny, but the girls are cute. Judy Miller gets help from Phyllis Myers in donning her bonnet for a number called "Kiss, Kiss, Kissin' in the Corn." Eleanor VanDyke (center) has her hat in top-top shape, just the way it was in last night's dress rehearsal of "Pleasant Run Review" at Howe High School.

Elderly Man Believed Frozen to Death

The coroner's office today was investigating the death of Hollie Francis, 68, of 1410 Olive St., Mr. Francis' body was found believed to be the first Indianapolis in an alley near Sanders and all employees of the city garage.

Lt. O'Neal's Suspension Confirmed

Suspension of former Police Chief John O'Neal for "misjudgment" in investigation of burglary charges against a patrolman was confirmed today by the Safety Board.

Lt. O'Neal was suspended for seven days for failure to press charges against Patrolman Robert Liese for a reported burglary and theft at the Melody Gardens tavern, 6440 Winthrop Ave., Oct. 18.

The Safety Board this morning rubber stamped the finding of a police board of captains.

Trial of Patrolman Edward Wolsiffer, former squad car partner of Liese, will be set by the Safety Board where he will face possible dismissal from the force.

Previously Denied Chief Ambuhl told the board motto of some nocturnal "customers" at the Witt Market, 510 E. 24th St.

Ware store break-in in which Liese is charged with stealing garbage disposal units. Patrolman Wolsiffer was Liese's squad car partner at the time. The chief said Officer Wolsiffer

later admitted knowledge of the thefts after a disposal unit was found in Liese's home.

In other Safety Board action, Patrolman Vernon Britton was suspended for 30 days after he pled guilty to a charge of using his private car to "walk" a foot district.

Error Admitted The Safety Board also admitted it erred when it demoted Officer Dean Schwartz in the Police Department shakeup after the new city administration came in.

Officer Schwartz had been an acting lieutenant in the traffic division and had been demoted to motorcycle patrolman. He appealed the action to the board, stating he had been promoted under the merit system in 1938 to the permanent rank of sergeant. The board today ordered him "reassigned as sergeant of police."

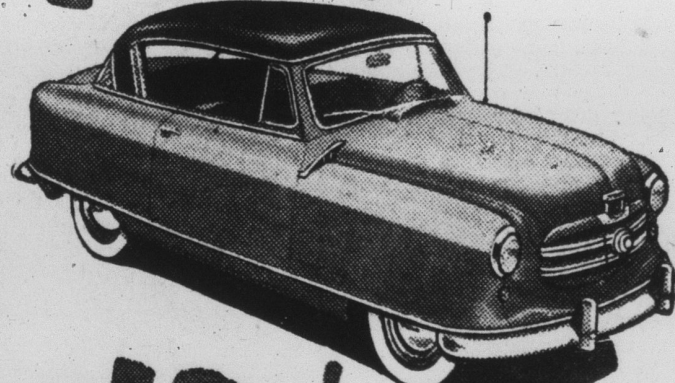
'Self-Service' Carried Too Far at Market

Wholesale self-service was the motto of some nocturnal "customers" at the Witt Market, 510 E. 24th St.

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